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1. The workshops of the Research Institute of the Ministry of Foods in Hrusovany are located approximately 200 meters west of the local church and 40 meters from the road to Pravice. At a factory meeting it was stated that the 1951 output was worth six million crowns. The Directorate of the plant is located in Prague in the Research Institute of the Ministry of Foods. The manager of the workshops in Hrusovany is Mr. Ladislav Salajka, the former owner of a locksmith shop which the workshops took over.
2. The workshops make the following models and send them to the Research Institute of the Ministry of Foods in Prague:
 - (a) Household appliances. The plans for these are prepared by the Research Institute in Prague but the name of the inventor is not given.
 - (b) Automatic microbe counters. It took one month to make this model. The optical parts were made by the optical factory in Prerov.
 - (c) Electric micro-welders
 - (d) Testers to determine the age of frozen meat
 - (e) Machines for the magnetic sealing of bottles
 - (f) Machines for the automatic separation of egg whites and yolks

The workshops make cocktail shakers whenever production of the above models is curtailed for one reason or another.

3. Materials, consisting of parts - aluminum, copper, brass, dural, silver and steel - collected from wrecked airplanes, are brought by trucks from the Prague warehouses. Heavier pieces are supplied by rail. Electric energy is supplied by the power plant in Oslavany near Brno.
4. The equipment of the workshops includes: four lathes (types CZ, Mráz, Mrska, and Wohlmann); four vertical grinders; one radial grinder (type Maska or Mrska); three bench drilling machines; three bench perforating machines; one press; two planing machines; one oven for hardening; one electric welding machine; one electric welding machine (transformer); two autogenous welding machines; four grinders and two compressors.

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5. The total number of employees of the workshops in Hrusovany includes 23 specialists and one administrative officer. The wages range from four thousand to seven thousand crowns a month. The Chairman of the Workers' Council who was the only member of the Communist Party in the workshops was called into regular military service in October 1951, and this left the Workers' Council floundering without a leader. The District Secretariat of the Communist Party ordered the workers to elect a chairman for the Council. Although no one wanted the position, one of the workers was forced to accept due to the pressure of the District Secretariat. All of the workers are strongly opposed to the present regime and hope for its end in the immediate future.
6. There were no security provisions until the end of 1951 at which time two gatekeepers were appointed. They served 24 hours duty alternately.

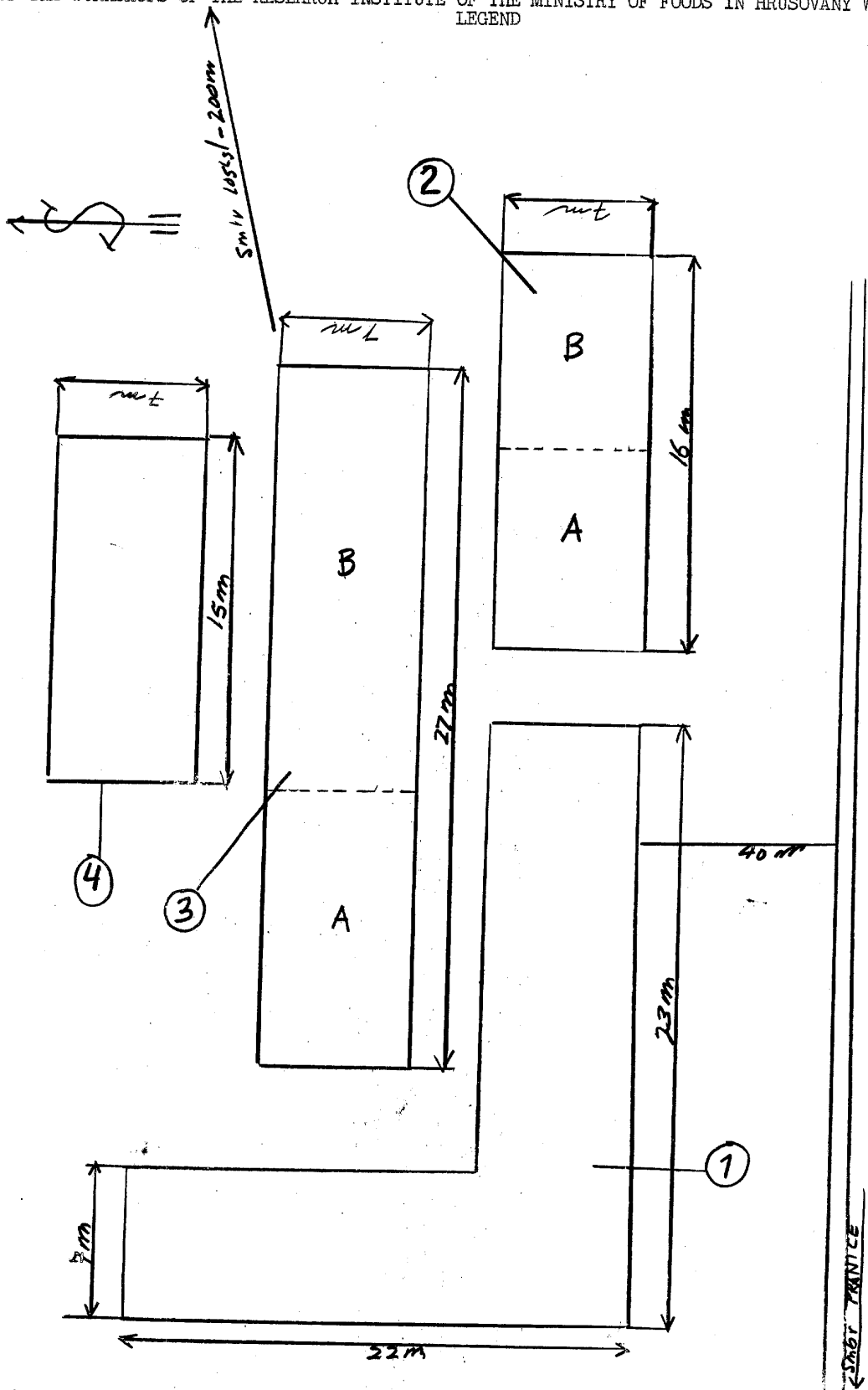
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ENCLOSURE (A): Plan of the Workshops of the Research Institute of the Ministry of Foods in Hrusovany with Legend

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PLAN OF THE WORKSHOPS OF THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOODS IN HRUSOVANY WITH
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Legend

- 1... This is a ground-floor building covered with a tile roof which was built and equipped in 1951. This building had a second floor which had to be removed because it obstructed the view from the castle of the Stalin statue erected in the market square.
- 2... A ground-floor building covered with a tile roof.
 - 2a... Grinding machine
 - 2b... Galvanization workshop
- 3... A ground-floor building covered with a tile roof.
 - 3a... Locksmith's workshop
 - 3b... Assembly hall for the models
- 4... This is a ground-floor building covered with a tile roof where the materials eg, brass, bronze, aluminum, dural, copper, iron, steel (silver steel from 4 mm to 50 mm thick), and sheet metal is located.

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